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Warrant for Town Meeting.

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Douglas, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Douglas, on Monday, the seventeenth day of March, inst., at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year, including one Agent and three Appraisers on the Devise of Moses Wallis to the Inhabitants of Douglas; three School Committee, for three years each; two Trustees of the Public Library, for three years each.

Art. 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

Art. 4. To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of Poor, of Schools, for Repairing School Houses, Repairing Highways and Bridges, for payment of Debts and Contingent expenses for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Collector of Taxes for 1890, to collect interest on all taxes not paid at a specified time, and to fix said time and rate of interest; to see if the town will give the Collector of Taxes the same authority that a Town Treasurer has when Collector.

Art. 6. To determine the time when Poll and other Taxes shall be collected.

Art. 7. To act on the List of Jurors reported by the Selectmen.

Art. 8. To see what use the Town will make of the Dog Fund (so called) for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon.

Art. 10. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town, the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see if the town will pay the sum of fifteen dollars or any part thereof for repairing the windows, painting and whitening the Vestry of the Church, the place of holding Town Meetings.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Company the sum of eight dollars each, for their services the ensuing year; no member to receive said sum until he has served his full year, ending April 1, 1891, and all fines due said Company be deducted from said amount; the above named sum to be drawn on order of the Town Treasurer.

Art. 13. To see what number the acting Superintending Committee of Schools shall consist, and to see what compensation they shall receive.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to unite with other Towns and employ a Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes of the ensuing year, and to issue notes of the town therefor, and that the debts incurred under the authority of the vote, are hereby made payable from said taxes.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of $150.00 to Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R., for charitable purposes, under provisions of Chap. 189, Sec. 1, of Acts and Resolves of the year 1885.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote passed at the November Election to discontinue the road as a town road from John Morrill to Franklin Street (so called).

Art. 18. To see what action the Town will take in regard to truant schools.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to abate such taxes as in their opinion ought to be abated, which were assessed the previous year.

Art. 20. To hear the report of the Superintendent of Roads as regards the obstruction crossing Depot Street, and take any

action in regard to the same that the Town deem advisable.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will accept a proposition made in regard to building a new Town Road on the northerly side of and parallel to said Railroad, and act on any matters that may come up relative to the same.

The Polls will open at 10 o'clock, A. M., and close at 4 o'clock, P. M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Meeting House at Douglas Center, and at the Tavern House of William Jefferson, so called, in South Douglas, ten days at least, before the time for holding said meeting,

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

E. N. JENCKES, } Selectmen
J. W. WIXTEAD, } of Douglas.

List of Jurors.

TO BE ACTED ON MARCH 17, 1890.

William W. Brown.
Benjamin Burlingame.
Orrin Chase.
Palmer Converse.
Walter H. Dudley.
William S. Jillson.
John M. Rawson.
D. M. Brown.
William P. Wight.
Joseph Quinn, Senior.
Loren A. Buffum.
Asahel Fitts.
S. P. Rawson.

Sylvester Chase.
B. W. Aldrich,
Henry D. Wallis.
John Cockrey.
John B. Chapdelain.
Moses B. Southwick.
Warren E. Mowry.
Edwin C. Parker.
Edwin Moore.
Vernon T. Esten,
Edwin Chase.
Jas. Dermody.
John LaChapelle.

E. N. JENCKES, } Selectmen
J. W. WIXTEAD. } of Douglas.

Appropriations, March, 1889.

Schools, - - -	$4,500 00
Highways and Bridges, including Depot Street,	2,500 00
Support of Poor, - - -	2,500 00
Debts and Interest, - -	1,000 00
Contingent Expenses, - - -	1,500 00
Repairs on School Houses and Purchase of Books,	600 00
State Aid to Soldiers, - -	200 00
Fire King Engine Company, - -	320 00
Grand Army, - - -	150 00
	$13,270 00

Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen of Douglas submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1890.

322 orders have been drawn on the Town Treasurer amounting to $14,203.88.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Town Clerk.

C. S. Caswell, collecting, recording and indexing,	
34 Births, - - -	$17 00
36 Deaths, - -	12 60
22 Marriages, - - -	3 20
T. H. Meek, for express and stationary, -	4 87
C. S. Caswell, for express and stationary, -	1 75
Attending meetings of Town Clerks, -	4 50
	$43 92

Treasurer.

Walter E. Jones, - - -	$75 00

Selectmen.

E. N. Jenckes, - - -	$40 00
J. W. Wixtead. - - -	40 00
G. L. Southwick, - - -	20 00
N. G. Dudley, for 1889, - - -	50 00
	$150 00

Overseers of the Poor.

E. B. Knapp, - - -	$50 00
W. P. Wight, - - -	50 00
Caleb Hill, - - -	50 00
	$150 00

Truant Officer.

G. P. B. Clarke, - - -	$10 00

Town Purchasing Agent.

J. W. Wixtead, - - -	$25 00

Assessors.

S. W. Potter, - - -	$61 00
Thos. E. Wixtead, - - -	56 25
A. F. Brown, - - -	43 00
	$160 25

Superintendents of Schools.

C. S. Caswell, - - -	$33 33
Dr. L. White, - - -	33 33
W. W. Brown, - - -	33 33
	$99 99

Constables.

D. M. Brown, posting town warrant and notifying 46 town officers, - - -	$13 00
E. G. Babson, posting two warrants, -	6 50
	$19 50

Tax Collector.

C. S. Caswell, - - -	$100 00

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

W. E. Jones, - - -	$5 00
M. M. Luther, 1888, - - -	10 00
	$15 00

Sexton.

Edward Balcome, - - -	$15 00

Registrars of Voters.

C. Emmons, for two years, - -	$30 00
T. P. Wixtead, for one year, - -	15 00
J. F. Smith, for one-half year, - -	7 50
T. H. Meek, for one year, - -	10 00
C. S. Caswell, for one year, - -	10 00
	$72 50

Printing.

Town and school reports, also highway and overseer of poor blanks, - - -	$101 25

Fire Department.

E. P. Heath, as per vote, - -	$320 00
B. W. Aldrich, supplies, - -	14 66
	$334 66

Lock Up.

Expenses, - - - -	$120 62

Miscellaneous Expense.

A. J. Thayer, rent Citizens' Hall, -	$100 00
Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R., - -	150 00
Caleb Hill, housing road scraper, -	4 00
G. L. Southwick, license blanks and book, -	3 50
E. N. Jenckes, record book and blanks, -	19 00

G. H. Waldron, for road scraper, - -	$243 60
V. M. Aldrich, supply for roads, -	2 73
A. F. Brown, books and stamps for Assessors. -	4 25
E. N. Jenckes, lamp and oil, - -	4 14
C. W. Brown, for sharpening drills, - -	7 15
Chimney and globe for Town basement, -	25
Voting shelves and rail, - - -	17 75
Suel Logee, for labor on highways in 1888, -	10 45
Frank Kenyon, for carrying scholars, - -	21 00
Rails and railing road,	116 53
Repairs on road machine, - -	27 96
Douglas Axe Co., Tools by Rixford, - -	3 75
Teams and postage, - -	4 00
G. L. Southwick, team for putting up voting shelves,	5 00
E. B. Knapp, fare to Attleboro, - -	14 24
	$629 37

Military Aid, Chap. 279.

William S. Reynolds, - -	$72 00
Geo. Leach, - - - -	48 00
	$120 00

Military Aid, Chap. 301.

Leonard A. Chapman, - -	$48 00
Lucina P. Sibley, - - -	48 00
Wellington H. and Vashti Balcome, -	72 00
Theron H. Barton, - - -	48 00
Dorris B. Young, - - -	72 00
Samuel Cragin, - - -	36 00
Wellington H. Dore, - -	48 00
	$372 00

Road Commissioners.

V. T. Esten, - - -	$309 87
W. H. Wellman, - - -	258 07
H. D. Wallis, - - -	187 72
J. M. Rawson, - - -	524 68
Edgar G. Parker, - - -	154 04

S. P. Rawson,	$275 94
Asahel Fitts,	170 08
James Peters,	298 73
Walter Parker,	300 78
Waldo Smith,	9 75
Bridgestone,	06
	$2489 72

School Supplies.

Jas. W. Wixtead,	$126 58

School Books.

Jas. W. Wixtead,	$373 10

Miscellaneous School Expenses.

For Fuel and Expense,	$297 22
School repairs,	561 95
	$859 17

School Teachers.

H. J. Chase,	$960 00
Lizzie Capen,	70 00
Edith Marsh,	96 00
Margaret Collins,	190 00
Dora Russell,	48 00
Catherine A. Crook,	81 00
Mary McGuillacudy,	84 00
Edith F. Eaton,	84 00
Mary F. Kimball,	91 00
Annie S. Hayward,	257 00
Patience Breck,	360 00
Evelyn Smith,	168 00
Hattie G. Abbott,	46 20
Lena K. Wixtead,	70 00
Emma J. Payne,	313 00
Emma J. Willis,	175 00
C. H. Walker,	173 00
Minnie F. Darling,	171 60

Emma Fisk,	$286 00
J. C. Levi,	216 00
Annie Schollard,	54 00
Ada Brown,	168 00
Nellie Mahoney,	84 00
Etta Johnson,	161 00
	$4,406 80

Almshouse.

Waldo Smith, oxen,	$115 00
S. F. Root,	35
A. J. Dudley, for beef,	15 60
George Parker, balance of salary,	80 00
Suel Logee, repairing wagon,	27 40
B. W. Aldrich, supplies,	45 80
Geo. Roberts, to April 1, 1890,	325 00
W. R. Wallis, grain and lumber,	123 87
A. F. Brown, for hay,	31 36
E. B. Knapp,	54 75
Mrs. Dennis Shurn, harness,	12 00
Anderson Hunt, for standing grass,	20 00
Dr. Levi White, medical attendance,	5 00
J. M. Rawson, for five bu. rye,	5 00
Edward Balcome, for labor,	11 40
W. E. Jones, supplies,	43 30
E. P. Heath, meat,	24 98
E. N. Jenckes, supplies,	70 97
	$1011 78

Care of school rooms,	$170 43

Outside Poor.

Mrs. Joggerson and son,	$48 00
Rosina Connelly,	84 52
Patrick Crow,	41 15
Willard Alger,	38 75
Thomas Valier,	4 00
Dennis Quinn,	19 20
Michael Martin,	81 00

Mrs. Helen M. Buxton,	$213 00
Simeon Johnson,	21 00
Hector Poin,	78 43
William Wood,	10 50
Geo. Casey,	66 85
James McCormick,	76 59
McIntire,	11 60
Nap. Goodbeau,	44 00
Julius Gould,	158 00
Frank Carey,	127 00
Eliza Goddard, for Chas. Linden,	10 00
Dorris Young, for Evelyn Sprague,	86 00
Edward Generaux,	112 00
Travis,	32 00
Dennis Frezee,	4 00
Noel Reno,	70 50
Sylvia E. Wakefield,	50 00
Eliza Goddard, for board Samuel Craggin,	60 00
Peter Hughes,	25 00
Chas. Gravlin,	12 41
Henry Myette,	52 40
Anthony LaDeaux,	128 08
N. D. Parsley,	33 00
Balcome children, in Sutton,	47 00
	$1845 98

State Paupers.

Peter Cloutier,	$98 00
John Jarvis,	7 25
Joseph Norbery,	38 59
John Minderly,	10 50
Mrs. Bellant,	16 00
Joseph Bean.	6 00
	$176 34

Recapitulation.

Miscellaneous expenses,	$2,719 63
Military Aid, Chap. 279,	120 00
Chap. 301,	372 00

Road Commissions,	$2,489 72
School supplies,	126 58
books,	373 10
repairs,	561 95
Teachers,	4,406 80
Almshouse,	1,011 78
Outside Poor,	1,845 98
State Paupers,	176 34
	$14,203 88

E. N. JENCKES, } Selectmen
J. W. WIXTEAD, } of Douglas.

JOHN C. MORRILL, Auditor.

Report of the Treasurer.

The Selectmen further report that they have settled with the Treasurer, and his account stands as follows :

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

1889.			Dr.
Mar.	1.	Cash on hand,	$2,858 34
	5.	Rec'd Town Webster,	37 50
	11.	A. F. Brown on Hewett Est.,	45 85
	25.	Miss Fitch, tuition one term,	7 50
Apr.	29.	Gave note to Whitinsville Bank,	6,000 00
May	1.	Rec'd Dr. Houghton, tuition one year,	18 00
	8.	Chas. Marcier, 1st and 4th class license,	1,300 00
	11.	Mrs. D. Shurn, 1st and 4th class license,	1,300 00
	29.	J. F. Smith, druggist license,	1 00
June	1.	S. Russell, druggist license,	1 00
	13.	A. F. Brown on Hewett Est.,	10 00
	21.	State Treas, support of state paupers,	99 25
	27.	Gave note to Whitinsville Bank,	1,000 00
July	15.	Rec'd Selectmen for circus license,	3 00
Sept.	21.	A. F. Brown, sale of Hewett property,	100 00
	24.	M. O. Mowry & Co., druggist license,	1 00
		State Treas., temporary support state paupers,	32 00
Oct.	15.	State Treas., burial state paupers	20 00
		State Treas., corporation tax,	97 43
Dec.	10.	State Treas., national bank tax,	121 98

Dec.	10.	Rec'd State Treas., state aid, chap. 252,	$65 00
		State Treas., state aid, chap. 301,	422 00
	20.	County Treas., dog fund, 1889	256 13
	31.	J. M. Rawson, auctioneer's license,	2 00
1890.			
Jan.	27.	State Treas., income school fund,	166 06
Feb.	24.	A. F. Brown, auctioneer's license,	2 00
	25.	Town Sutton, balance due to date,	198 30
	26.	S. Russell, collector 1888,	75 45
	27.	Chas. Caswell, collector 1889,	15,655 96
		Chas. Caswell, interest on taxes,	35 77
	28.	J. W. Wixtead, agt. for sale of school books,	51 60
		Interest received on deposits,	13 48
			$29,997 60

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

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1889.			
Apr.	27.	Paid Henry D. Wallis, int. on note to Mar. 22, 1890,	$36 00
May	7.	James M. Luke, int. on note 1 yr.	18 00
	10.	Clara R. Lawton, int. on note 1 yr.	72 50
	15.	M. M. Luther, int. on note 1 yr.	10 00
	22.	State Treas., ¼ license money recd. to date,	650 00
		Whitinsville Bank, note and int.,	3,157 75
June	3.	Sarah Richardson, int on note 1 year,	31 63
	27.	Edwin Moore, int. on note to June 19, 1889,	30 00
		Edwin Moore, int. on note to Apr, 29, 1889,	78 00
		Edwin Moore, int on note to May 26, 1889,	42 00
July	8.	Mary Walker, int. on note to May 29, 1889,	17 66
	27.	Town of Grafton,	31 00
Oct.	19.	Henry D. Wallis, int. on note to Sept. 22, 1889.	18 00
Nov.	1.	S. Logee, int. on note to date,	120 00
		Order of abatement No. 1, to J. Waldo Smith,	91
		Order of abatement No. 2, to John C. F. Bates,	35

Nov.	12.	Paid Albert Butler, int. on note to May 1, 1889,	$42 00
	19.	Whitinsville Bank, note and interest,	3,132 69
	26.	Order of abatement No. 3 to Wm. Fravy,	98
Dec.	10.	State Treas. state tax,	1,020 00
	12.	Order of abatement No. 4, to Mr. Rawson,	1 12
		Order of abatement No. 5, to Mr. Shaw,	5 60
	31.	Whitinsville Bank, int. on note,	21 25
1890.			
Jan.	3.	Order of abatement No. 6,	1 40
		Order of abatement No. 7,	3 50
	10.	J. C. Hammond, insurance on school house,	4 00
Feb.	5.	Inhabitants of Douglas tax,	16 73
	10.	State Treas.. ¼ amount three druggist's licenses,	75
	22.	Whitinsville Bank, note and int.,	3,033 64
	26.	Order of abatement No. 8,	2 00
		Order of abatement No. 9,	54 34
		County tax paid by collector,	675 00
		District tax paid by collector,	309 98
		Property sold for taxes, 5 deeds and expense,	63 02
		Discount on taxes,	62 35
	28.	322 orders of Selectmen,	14,203 88
		11 orders of Treasurer library,	303 63
		Cash on hand,	2,725 94
			$29,997 60

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

JOHN C. MORRILL, Auditor.

Assets and Liabilities.

Assets.

Lockup and school property,	$5,000 00
Almshouse establishment,	3,000 00
Personal property at Almshouse,	1,546 43
Engine building,	900 00
Fire engine and hose,	700 00
Safe in Selectmen's room,	200 00
Road machines,	320 00
Road tools on hand,	48 25
New school books on hand,	232 65
Due from state, Military Aid, Chap. 279,	72 00
Chap. 301,	372 00
State, support of State Paupers,	81 06
Chas. S. Caswell, Collector, 7 poll taxes,	14 00
Town of Sutton, for tuition,	82 00
	$12,568 39

Liabilities.

Note to Mary Walker,	$353 21
Retus Walling, heirs,	1,095 00
Henry D. Wallis,	600 00
Albert Butler,	700 00
Sarah Richardson,	632 68
M. M. Luther,	200 00
Clara R. Lawton,	1,450 00
Edwin Moore, 3 notes,	2,500 00
James M. Luke,	300 00
Suel Logee,	2,000 00

Note to Whitinsville Bank,	$1,000 00
Albert Butler, Executor,	1,900 00
Accrued interest on above notes,	411 77
Due city of Springfield,	23 27
	$13,165 93

About $2,100.00 has been paid on the Town notes during the year, as well be seen from last year's report.

ANNUAL

Report of the Overseers of Poor.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1890.

GEORGE ROBERTS, Superintendent.

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Personal property as per inventory taken by the Board of Overseers of 1888 upon the 1st day of March, 1889. Sum Total,	$1,048 57

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Personal property as per inventory taken by the present Board of Overseers upon the 1st. day of March, 1890. Sum total.	$1,546 43

We have paid out on account of Poor Farm as follows:

Salary of George Roberts as Superintendent,	$325 00
Waldo Smith, one yoke oxen,	115 00
S. F. Root, supplies,	35
A. J. Dudley, meat,	15 60
Suel Logee, rep. wagon,	27 40
V. M. Aldrich, supplies,	45 80
W. R. Wallis, meal and lumber,	123 87
A. F. Brown, hay,	31 36
Labor on Farm,	69 75
Mrs. D. Shurn, harness,	12 00

Anderson Hunt, hay,	$20 00
Dr. White,	5 00
John M. Rawson, rye.	5 00
Edward Balcome. labor,	11 40
W. E. Jones, hardware,	43 30
E. P. Heath, Meat,	24 98
	$875 81

Whole number of weeks board of paupers at Alms-house,	218
Cost of supporting paupers per week,	$4 01

E. B. KNAPP, }
W. P. WIGHT, } Overseers of
CALEB HILL, } the Poor.

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FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Report of Treasurer.

1889.			Dr.
Mar.	5.	Cash in Treasury,	$201 08
	11.	Rec'd of A. F. Brown, rent Orison Hewett place,	45 85
June	24.	" Librarian, catalogues and fines,	1 49
		" A. F. Brown, rent Hewett est.	10 00
Oct	15.	" A. F. Brown, part payment for Orison Hewett place,	100 00
Dec.	4.	" Librarian, catalogues and fines,	5 19
	20.	" Dog Fund,	256 13
Mar.	5.	" Librarian, catalogues and fines,	2 27
			$622 01

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1889.			
Apr.	29.	Joseph Bowen, shelves for library,	$5 66
		Cleaning library,	50
Mar.	15.	Books and express,	6 90
		Addendas to catalogue,	3 25
		History of Worcester County, 2 vols.,	20 00
June	24.	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, librarian,	12 50
		Cataloguing and numbering books,	1 00
Sept.	12.	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, librarian,	12 50
		Probate copies executor's acc'ts, Orison Hewett estate,	1 50
		Recording deed, Orison Hewett estate,	1 12

Oct.	30.	Insurance on Library, $1,000, for 3 yrs.,	$15 00
Dec.	4.	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, librarian,	12 50
		Getting in wood,	25
	20.	Estes and Lauriate, books and freight,	183 50
		A. L. Burt, " "	13 60
		Expresses on Public Documents,	1 05
1890.			
Mar.	5.	Mrs. A. L. Buffington, librarian,	12 50
		Cataloguing and numbering books,	1 50
		Addendas to catalogue,	4 50
		W. E. Jones, lamps, etc,	3 25
		Cash in Treasury,	309 43
			$622 01

C. J. BATCHELLER, Treasurer.

Report of Librarian.

Whole number of books in Library,		1649
" " " added during the year,		300
" " " issued " "		5029
Average number of books issued per week,		107
Amount of fines due from Mar. 27, 1889, to Mar 1, 1890,	$9 17	
Balance of fines due Mar. 1, 1889,	14 00	
		$23 17
Amount collected for fines,	$7 90	
Received from sale of catalogues,	1 05	
Paid over to Treasurer,	$8 95	
Amount collected for fines,		7 90
Balance due March 1, 1890,		$15 27

MRS. A. L. BUFFINGTON, Librarian.

Orison Hewett Devise.

The library trustees have been made to feel, by the numerous inquiries, that the inhabitants of the town desire enlightenment in regard to the Orison Hewett devise to the library. We applied to A. F. Brown, Esq., the executor on said devise, for a complete report of his doings thereon, for publication in this

annual report. We received from him, for publication, a report of his transactions as agent only, covering his management of the property since rendering his report to the Probate Court. But knowing that a complete report, covering all the transactions, is desired, we publish the following certified copy of the Probate records. The trustees are not satisfied with the small amount which the library receives from this bequest, and feel that the costs of settling the estate have been excessive.

Inventory of Property.

Household Furniture, etc., - -	$90 35
Deposit in Savings Bank, - -	408 00
House and Lot, - - -	300 00
	$798 35

A. F. Brown, Executor,

Dr.		Cr.	
Household Furniture, etc.	$90 35	Paid writing will,	$3 00
Money in Bank,	408 00	keeping horse 8 weeks,	8 00
Rec'd for rent,	30 00	T. T. Potter and Son,	2 90
" "	12 00	J. E. Johnson, milk,	3 66
" "	25 87	Taxes, 1883,	1 13
		Dr. Harriman,	5 00
		Timothy Hewett,	3 25
		Mason W. Morse,	2 00
		Interest on mortgage,	7 50
		Jonas Batcheller,	40 00
		making deed "	1 00
		plastering, painting and repairs,	14 56
		shingles, boards and nails and team,	28 98
		C. Wall, shingling,	5 75
		digging cellar drain.	4 00
		L. B. Carr, coffin,	39 00
		fixing door,	90
		Making petition for probate of will and attending court,	8 00
		witness to will,	5 00
		citation,	2 65
		getting bonds and journey to court,	8 00
	$566 22		$193 28

Dr.		Cr.	
Brought forward,	$566 22	Brought forward,	$193 28
		Paid ½day with appraisers and one collecting stuff	4 50
		2 men 1 day collecting stuff,	3 00
		accountant at auction, and assistant,	4 00
		selling at auction,	10 00
		2 men and self cleaning up,	6 00
		journey to Auburn and Worcester and expenses,	10 00
		copy of appointment	50
		Batcheller, posters,	1 50
		Executor for services	25 00
		Westboro baker.	2 00
		John Hopkin's bill,	15 00
		costs on trial Forsyth case,	23 76
		taxes 1884,	95
		execution of Forsyth,	135 60
		cost in case Hewett vs. Emerson,	10 00
		taxes 1885,	1 09
		gravestones,	20 00
		Executer, services in full,	25 00
		Interest on mortgage 2 years,	15 00
			$507 12
		Unexpended balance,	59 10
	$566 22		$566 22

Report of A. F. Brown of Receipts and Expenses as Agent of the Town on Care and Sale of the Orison Hewett Place.

			Dr.
1886.			
Jan.	2.	Balance received of Executor,	$59 10
1887.		Rec'd rent of Jesse Leonard,	29 00
1888.		rent of Alonzo Davis,	24 00
Sept.	6.	rent of Wm. Tiff,	12 00
1889.			
Mar.		rent of Wm. Tiff,	12 00
June.		rent of Wm. Tiff,	10 00
Oct.	1.	rent of John Powers,	20 00

Oct.	3.	Rec'd Andrew Wilson from sale place,		$100 00
		Andrew Wilson, note and mortgage, from sale of place,		100 00
				$366 10
1886.		Cr.		
Jan.		Paid for citation, etc,	$3 00	
Feb.	8.	lumber,	1 00	
	13.	labor fixing floor,	2 00	
1887.				
Feb.		taxes,	1 04	
Sept.		interest on mortgage,	7 50	
		insurance,	4 17	
		repairing chimney,	6 00	
		repairing cellar stairs,	1 00	
Oct.	18.	taxes,	91	
1888.				
Aug.	1.	interest on mortgage,	7 50	
Sept.	9.	Town Treasurer,	20 00	
Nov.	1.	taxes,	1 03	
		interest on mortgage,	7 50	
		Town Treasurer,	45 85	
Jan.	11.	Town Treasurer,	10 00	
	13.	paper and papering,	3 50	
	28.	boards, nails and labor repairing well curb, barn,	5 85	
		screen door and hinges,	1 40	
July	17.	boards and shingles, barn roof,	1 50	
Aug.		interest on mortgage,	7 50	
Oct.		interest to Oct. 1, '89,	3 25	
		making deed of place,	2 00	
		Town Treasurer,	100 00	
		Town Treasurer, mortgage,	100 00	
		Agent care of place 3 yrs. 7 mos. @ 75 ct. a month,	32 25	
				$375 75
		Balance due agent,		$9 65

There is now due from Wm. Tiff for rent $12.00. I have charged nothing for advertising and attempting to sell at auction, nor for commission for selling at private sale.

All of which is respectfully submitted to the town.

A. F. BROWN, Agent.

REPORT

OF

CHAS. W. POTTER, AGENT,

ON THE DEVISE OF MOSES WALLIS

TO THE

TOWN OF DOUGLAS,

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1890.

The Agent charges himself with cash and notes, as follows:

Notes due the town Mar. 1, 1889,	$16,366 50
Accrued interest,	750 46
Cash in hands of Agent,	270 95
	$17,387 91

Received Interest and Principal, as follows:

Mar.	20.	Int. on Margaret F. Brown note,	$18 00
	30.	Note and int. C. S. Caswell,	307 10
April	5.	Int. on S. H. Starr note,	6 00
	20.	C. H. Hilton note,	24 00
May	3.	John Lebeau,	12 00
	4.	Note and int. Mary A. Hilton,	362 92
		Int. on Eliza A. Williams note,	18 00
	6.	Martin and Geer note,	21 00
	15.	Mitchell Auger note,	18 00

June	3.	Note and int. Peter Jarvis,	$213 08
	5.	Int. on Chandler Titus note,	8 10
July	5.	Mary Roberts note,	30 00
	26.	Johanna Rawson note,	12 00
Aug.	3.	Wm. Putnam note,	25 50
		T. M. Remington note,	12 00
	24.	Note and int. Caleb Hill,	150 80
		Int. on John M. Putnam note,	10 75
		A. F. Brown note,	30 00
	29.	Allen Buxton note,	6 00
	31.	Margaret Stearnes note,	18 00
		Frank Duval note,	21 00
Sep.	17.	Phoebe E. Johnson note,	19 98
	15.	Note and int. A. H. Barton,	216 33
	19.	Int. on Louise Jarvis note,	6 00
Oct.	22.	Julius and Matilde Rivers note,	24 00
	28.	Lovell Southwick note,	9 51
	29.	Joseph Lebeau note,	24 00
	31.	Thomas Wixtead note,	12 00
Nov.	2.	Russell M. Peters note	15 00
	5.	Chandler Titus note,	20 40
	23.	Amos G. Yates note,	9 00
	27.	M. J. Willis note,	30 00
	29.	Joseph T. Arnold note,	24 00
Dec.	5.	Note and int. Mary Briggs,	242 26
	7.	Int. on Aaron Aldrich note,	30 00
	10.	Phoebe Young note,	30 00
	12.	Horace Batcheller note,	12 00
		Vesta H. Balcome note,	24 00
	14.	Abbie Thayer note,	18 00
1890.			
Jan.	6.	E. C. Esten note,	21 00
	16.	Sarah Dufo note,	12 00
Feb.	1.	Joseph St. Andrew note,	24 00
	14.	Zilpha M. Rawson note	30 00
	17.	Alfred and Mary Reynolds note,	19 50
		Salina Casey note,	21 00
	19.	Alvin H. Brown note,	30 00
	21.	John Valier note,	18 00
	27.	James McCormick note,	21 00
	28.	Ira T. Robins note,	9 00
		money deposited in Millbury bank,	28 27
Received notes and interest,			$25,60 45

The Agent has loaned and paid out as follows :

Mar.	30.	Discharging mortgages,	$ 25
May	4.	Discharging mortgages,	25
Aug.	24.	Discharging mortgages,	25
Sep.	6.	Tax on Devise,	234 79
Nov.	11.	Discharging mortgage,	25
Dec.	9.	Appraisers,	2 00
	16.	Loaned Lewis Terrier,	400 00
Jan.	8.	Tax on Devise in Northbridge,	4 53
Feb.	10.	Recording mortgage,	1 10
	15.	Loaned Sarah Paine,	200 00
		Appraisers,	4 50
June	3.	Deposited in Millbury bank,	1,200 00
Sept.	27.	Deposited in Millbury bank,	140 00
Mar.	1.	Agent for services,	60 00

Notes Due the Town Mar. 1, 1890.

Date of Note.	Name.	Accrued Int.	Prin.
July 30, '87.	Joseph Arnold,	$14 00	$400 00
Dec. 12, '87.	Horace Batcheller,	2 60	200 00
Feb. 28, '88.	Rebecca Morse,	30 08	500 00
21, '88.	John Valier,	45	300 00
Dec. 24, '87.	Joseph StAndrew,	4 40	400 00
July 1, '76.	Alvin H. Brown,	20 00	500 00
Nov 23, '59.	A. F. Brown,	38 08	500 00
Dec 4, '66.	Thomas Wixtead, paid by James Wixtead,	26 86	200 00
Apr. 24, '69.	Orrin N. Thurber, paid by Eliza A. Williams,	15 30	300 00
May 18, '57.	Ira T. Robbins, paid by Frank McCormick,	1 50	150 00
July 7, '75.	James McCormick, paid by John Goff,	38 50	350 00
Mar. 1, '67.	John M. Putnam,	3 12	125 00
Dec. 2, '54.	Joel Glover, paid by Sarah Dufo,	2 93	200 00
Feb. 20, '69.	S. P. Rawson, paid by Zilpha M. Rawson,	30 83	500 00
Apr. 22, '80.	Phoebe M. Young,	35 67	500 00
12, '77.	A. A. Humes, paid by Martin and Geer,	19 78	350 00
1, '71.	Margaret Stearns,	16 50	300 00
Mar. 26, '70.	Rufus Johnson,	70 27	400 00

July 22, '81.	Mrs. Mary J. Willis,	$18 17	$500 00
Oct. 19, '74.	Chandler Titus,	6 01	135 00
July 23, '79.	Louisa Jarvis,	6 62	100 00
7, '79.	Mrs. Michael Roberts,	19 40	500 00
Oct. 1, '83.	Dennis Quinn,	29 75	350 00
May 8, '72.	Wm. M. Putnam,	20 68	425 00
Apr. 22, '82.	Mitchael Auger,	15 40	300 00
June 17, '69.	Chandler Titus,	7 35	340 00
Aug. 6, '83.	T. M. Remington,	6 80	200 00
June 26, '83.	Mary J. Murphy,	50 33	500 00
Apr. 19, '80.	Phoebe E. Johnson,	22 25	333 00
Mar 24, '85.	Allen Buxton,	5 60	100 00
Apr. 30, '85.	John Lebeau,	10 00	200 00
Nov. 29, '86.	Abbie Thayer,	4 55	300 00
Aug. 19, '78.	Russell M. Peters,	7 95	250 00
Oct. 24, '78.	Lovell Southwick,	9 51	158 50
May 21, '68.	Mrs. Johanna Rawson,	9 30	200 00
Nov 27, '86.	Salina Casey,	5 43	350 00
May 1, '78.	Julius and Matilda Rivers,	20 00	400 00
June 4, '86.	Amos G. Yates,	6 65	150 00
Sept. 5, '83.	Vesta Balcome,	11 66	400 00
Oct. 16, '67.	Potter M. Bates,	3 35	150 00
Mar. 5, '81.	S. H. Starr,	5 92	100 00
Feb. 15, '86.	Alfred and Mary Reynolds,	81	325 00
18, '86.	Chas. H. Hilton,	40	200 00
18, '85.	Aaron Aldrich,	31 67	500 00
Mar 20, '88.	Margaret Brown.	17 00	300 00
Sept.15, '88.	Joseph Lebeau,	11 00	400 00
23, '88.	Frank Duval,	6 66	350 00
Nov. 22, '88.	Edwin C. Esten,	4 16	350 00
Dec. 16, '89.	Lewis Terrier,	5 00	400 00
Feb. 15, '89.	Sarah Paine,	50	200 00
		$750 75	$15,641 50

Notes due the Town, Mar. 1st, 1890,	$15,641 50
Accrued interest,	750 75
Cash in hands of Agent,	1,651 95
Value of Devise Mar. 1, 1890,	$18,044 20
Net gain for the year,	656 29

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. W. POTTER, Agent.

Town Clerk's Report.

Births.

Whole number,		34
males,	19	
females,	15	34
foriegn parentage,	15	
mixed parentage,	6	
American parentage,	13	34

Marriages.

Whole number,		21
Foreign birth,		12
American birth,		30
Resident in Douglas,	14	
Resident elsewhere,	28—	42
First marriage,	35	
Second marriage,	7—	42

Deaths.

Whole number,		36
males,	20	
females,	16—	36
foriegn birth,	8	
American birth,	26	
unknown,	2—	36

Number under 1 year,			8	
between 1 and 5,			4	
5	10,		0	
10	20,		1	
20	30,		1	
30	40,		1	
40	50,		5	
50	60,		2	
60	70,		4	
70	80,		5	
80	90,		3	
over 90			2—	36

Dogs Registered.

Whole number,			158
Males,	145 @ $2.00,	$290 00	
Females,	13 @ $5.00,	65 00	$355 00

CHAS. S. CASWELL, Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT

ON THE

Expenditures on Roads and Bridges

FOR THE

Year Ending Feb. 28, 1890.

I have been assisted by the following named gentlemen, and we have expended the several amounts in sections as follows:

H. D. Wallis,	Expended in Section No.	1,	$200 56
James Peters,		2.	301 65
Edgar C. Parker,		3,	214 24
Vernon T. Esten,		4,	276 11
S. P. Rawson,		5,	277 24
W. H. Parker,		6,	300 78
W. H. Wellman,		7,	267 82
Asahel Fitts,		8,	170 73
Superintendent, (including other sections)		9,	480 59
Total,			$2,489 72

The several laborers received as follows:

H. D. Wallis, 310½h.	$46 57	Carl Wheeler, 47½h.	7 13
W. L. Church, 35h.	5 25	W. B. Amidon, 55h.	5 50
W. L. Church, 2 horses and cart 25h.	5 63	Fredrick Wallis, 5h.	75
W. L. Church, oxen on cart 17½h.	3 50	G. Brown, 135h.	20 25
		Henry Brown, 53h.	7 95
		F. A. Wellman, 97h.	14 55

F. A. Wellman, 2 horses on cart 53h.	$11	92
F. A. Wellman, 2 horses on scraper 27h.	8	10
Silas Dudley, 40h.	6	00
Silas Dudley, oxen and cart 40h.	8	00
Silas Dudley, 36 loads of gravel,		72
Putnam Dudley, 129h.	19	35
W. S. Jillson, 27¼h.	4	08
W. S. Jillson, 2 horses on cart 22¼h.	4	99
Geo. M. Wallis, 15h.	2	25
Geo. Starr, 4h.		60
Warren Mowry, 31h.	4	65
Wellington Balcom, 17h.	2	55
Willie Balcome, 5h.		75
Chas. Balcome, 40h.	6	00
Edward Balcome, 115h.	17	25
W. J. Wellman, 15h.	2	25
Conelius Shea, 268h.	39	45
Edgar C. Parker, 217½	32	62
Edgar C. Parker, 2 horses on cart, 55h.	12	39
Edgar C. Parker, 2 horses on scraper 159h.	47	85
Guilford C. Dudley, 209½,	31	42
Guilford C. Dudley, 2 horses on cart 42½h.	9	62
Guilford C. Dudley, 2 horses on scraper, 159½h.	47	85
Chas. A. Hilton, 86½.	12	97
J. M. Parker, 15h.	2	25
James Daley, 10h.	1	50
Arthur Dudley, 17½h.	2	62
Arthur Dudley, oxen 17½h.	3	50
Arthur Titus, 25h.	3	75
James Peters, 255h.	38	25
James Peters, 2 horses on cart 229½h.	51	63
J. K. Peters, 170⅓h.	25	55
J. K. Peters, powder for blasting rocks,	$7	65
F. Son, 10h.	1	50
C. Dudley, 42h.	6	30
A. Roberts, 178h.	26	70
Mitchael Ogie, 161h.	24	15
J. Perkins, 45h.	6	75
O. J. Peters, 178⅓h.	26	75
G. Abrom. 47h.	7	05
L. Bigelow, 45h.	6	75
L. Bigelow, 2 horses on cart 45h.	9	62
L. Gorf, 24h.	2	40
Milton Humes, 12h.	1	80
Peter Ogie, 130h.	19	50
V. J. Peters, 40h.	6	00
Henry Laduke, 45h.	6	75
G. Balcome, 15h.	1	13
M. Goullar, 45h.	6	75
F. Plant, 70h.	10	50
Paul Vernon, 35h.	5	25
W. H. Parker, 178h.	26	70
W. H. Parker, 2 horses on scraper 214h.	64	20
W. H. Parker. 2 horses on cart 18h.	4	04
W. H. Parker, oxen on road 160h.	32	25
Harley Brown, 218½h.	33	08
Jessie Thompson, 272 ½h.	41	93
Peter Jarvis, 65h.	9	75
Gustv C. Dudley, 112h.	16	80
J. Savery, 212½h.	31	88
J. Bates, 65h.	9	75
H. Rich, 10h.	1	50
David Keith, 18h.	2	70
Myron Titus, 32h.	4	87
E. T. Rawson, 604½h.	90	67
E. T. Rawson, oxen 372½h.	74	10
Tom. Wixtead, 68½h.	10	25
James Wixtead, 82h.	12	30
Timothy Wixtead, 20h.	3	00

S. P. Rawson, 448h.	67	19
S. P. Rawson, 2 horses on cart 277h.	63	00
S. P. Rawson, 2 horses on scraper 107h.	32	10
Ashael Fitts, 230h.	34	50
Ashael Fitts, for May,	13	86
Ashael Fitts, 2 horses on cart, 122½h.	23	00
David Wallis, 45h.	6	75
David Wallis, horse and cart, 40h.	5	00
A. F. Brown, 55h.	8	25
A. F. Brown, 48 loads gravel,	2	40
A. F. Brown, oxen 55h.	11	00
Ed. E. Chase, 423h.	63	46
Alphonso Chase, 115h.	17	25
Collins Chase, 1h.		15
Collins Chase, oxen 53½h.	10	57
Jesse Chase. 12 feet stone,		06
Erastus Chase, 161½h.	23	78
Henry Chase, 55h.	8	25
Suel E. Chase, 5h.		75
Suel E. Chase, oxen 5h.	1	00
Albert Smith, 204h.	45	60
A. E. Chapman, 120h.	18	00
A. E. Chapman, 2 horses on cart 31h.	5	47
A. E. Chapman, 2 horses on scraper 4h.	1	20
Gilbert Yates, 5h.		75
R. Shean, 15h.	2	25
Wellington Southwick 120h.	18	00
H. T. Barton, 10h.	1	50
H. T. Barton, 4 bridge stone @ 50 cts.	2	00
Myron B. Chase, 5h.		75
V. T. Esten, 177¼h.	26	53
Chas. Russell, 40h.	6	00
H. A. Walker, 45h.	6	75
H. A. Walker, oxen 45h.	9	00
W. H. Wellman, 266 ½h.	40	03
W. H. Wellman, 2 horses on cart 130 ½h.	29	27
W. H. Wellman, 2 horses on scraper 84 h.	25	20
E. G. Paine, 152½h.	22	85
Lewis Peck, 119½h.	18	80
Robert Hannant, 134 ½h.	20	13
H. W. Smith, 92h.	13	81
Michael Martin, 158 ½h.	14	89
L. M. Hannant, 34h.	5	10
J. Waldo Smith, 144 ½h.	21	60
J. Waldo Smith, oxen 56h.	11	22
Elijah B. Paine, 20h.	3	00
Wm. Pillion, 84h.	12	60
J. M. Rawson, 928h.	185	60
J. M. Rawson, horse 184h.	9	18
F. R. Caswell, 1156½h.	8	47
F. R. Caswell, oxen 30h.	6	00
Peter German, 24h.	3	60
Peter German, 2 horses 29h.	3	48
James Gregway, 10h.	1	50
James Gregway, horse, 10h.	1	25
Caleb Hill, 10h.	1	50
N. S. Caswell, 14h.	2	10
N. S Caswell, horse 13h.	1	62
Will Blanchard, 10h.	1	50
Frank Lorin, 20h.	3	00
Alfred Laflew, 5h.		25
John Labell, 15h.	2	25
Frank Allen, 25h.	3	75
Mr. Tamby, 15h.	2	25
Chas. Bremley, 35h.	5	25
Thomas Murphy, 10h.	1	50
S. A. Mowry, 10h.	1	50

A. H. Brown, 10h.	1	50
H. Metcalf, 5h.		75
H. Metcalf, horse, 5h.		62
Levi Darling, 10h.	1	50
Levi Darling, horse 10h.	1	25
S. Powers, 10h.	1	50
Wm. Reynolds, 64h.	9	60
V. T. Esten, for blasting 389 rocks in the town ways, 349 7/2 ft. @ 40 cts.	138	66
126⅞lb dynamite @ .40	50	77
605ft. fuse @ ½ct.	3	27
405 exploders @ 1ct.	4	05
Superintendent paid out for the following necessary repairs,		
Suel Logee, repairs on scraper,		88
Axletree bolts and labor on scraper,	5	48
Freight on new machine,	6	40
Barr Brothers for castings,	1	52
Axe Co. for pick handle and labor on axle,	1	50
415ft. plank on Walling bridge,	7	47
	$2,489	72

Amounts expended in the following months in the several sections.

Month of April,	$495	10
May,	599	50
Month of June,	732	85
August,	62	79
September,	60	75
October,	378	62
November,	114	70
December,	27	96
February,	17	45
Total,	$2,489	72

Machines, supplies and tools on hand.

1 Champion machine, new,	245	00
1 Old machine,	75	00
1 Long edge for Champion,	8	00
2 Short edge for Champion,	3	00
2 Edges for Pennock machine,	6	00
12 Picks and mattocks,	6	00
5 Stone pickers,	2	00
Snow shovels,	3	00
2 Steel bars.	3	00
1 Sledge,	2	50
1 Long chain,	2	25
16 Spades,	5	00
2 Rakes,	1	00
1 Side scraper,	1	00
1 Swivel plow,	5	00
1 Post spade,		50
	$368	25

The following prices were paid for help and labor:

Superintendent, - -	20 cts. per hour.
Superintendent's Horse, - -	5
Man, - - -	15
Boy under 17 years of age, - -	07½
Horse aud cart, - -	12½

2 horses and coal cart,	- -	22½cts. per hour.
2 horses on large scraper,	-	30
Oxen, cart and plow,	- -	20

10 full hours to constitute a day's work.

In concluding I would say that there has been 87 small culverts through and across the roads reset and cleared out. Three large wooden covered bridges, one reset, and the three covered with stone, and one bridge covered with plank, one large bridge at Peter Germain's entirely taken out and filled up and three other bridges lengthened out.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. RAWSON, Superintendent.

The following is a Supplementary Report on railing dangerous places on the town roads and bridges, in miscellaneous items.

	Post.	Rails.	Feet.
Chase's bridge,	4	2	60
Buffum bridge,	16	6	128
Davis bridge,	7	3	68
Howe street,	38	17	382
Lower village,	6	11	347
River street,	33	13	393
Manchaug street,	15	8	165
Depot street,	60	28	721
Centerville bridge,	17	7	210
Titus hollow,	8	4	118
Titus bend,	8	3	90
Titus bridge,	5	2	60
Richardsons bend,	6	3	90
Brown bridge,	10	4	118
Esten bridge,	9	5	139
Fairfield bridge,		4	120
Wallis pond,	36	24	517
Wallis Flat,	26	10	300
Thompson bridge,	4	2	56
Total,	308	156	4,076

Expenses of Material, and Labor is as follows:

Mrs. M. F. Aldrich, 108 posts @ 4 cts.	$4 32
M. F. Aldrich, 42 poles, 878 ft. @ ½ct.	4 39
J. M. Parker, 166 posts @ 4 cts.	6 64
67 poles, 1795 ft. @ ½ct.	8 98
labor,	75
Daniel Buffum, 4 posts @ 4 cts.	16
4 poles, 120 ft. @ ½ct.	60
Geo. Roberts, 42 poles, 1277 ft. @ ½ct.	6 38
V. M. Aldrich, 140 lbs. spikes,	5 95
104 lbs. nails,	2 88
W. E. Hayward, 231 lbs. iron bands,	1 72
Iron for stone posts and nuts,	94
25 lbs. iron for posts,	75
Sitting posts and railing,	64 99
	$109 45

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF DOUGLAS.

FOR YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1890.

PRESS OF
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
EAST DOUGLAS, MASS.
1890.

Citizens of Douglas:

We, the undersigned, acting school committee of the town of Douglas, for the year 1889, submit for your consideration and approval the following report of the condition and progress of our public schools for the past year.

Teachers for 1889—90.

H. J. Chase,
Emma J. Payne,
Emma J. Willis,
Patience Breck,
Emma Fisk,
Evelyn E. Smith,
Minnie F. Darling,
Ada E. Brown,
Mary McGillicuddy,
Jennie C. Levi,
Annie G. Scollard.
Edith F. Eaton,
Nellie T. Mahoney,
Hattie G. Abbott,
Margaret E. Collins,
Edith M. Marsh,
Etta H. Johnson,
K. Lena Wixtead,
Annie S. Hayward
Clara H. Walker,

School Committee.

Rev. James Wells,	Term expires March 1, 1890
James Wixtead,	1890
Francisco Bowen,	1890
W. W. Brown,	1891
E. B. Knapp,	1891
Chas. S. Caswell,	1891
Levi White, M. D.,	1892
Geo. P. B. Clarke,	1892
Vernon T. Esten,	1892

The above Committee met March 20, 1889, and organized as follows:

President,—E. B. Knapp,

Clerk,—Geo. P. B. Clarke,

Superintending Committee, { W. W. Brown, Levi White, M. D., Chas. S. Caswell.

Purchasing Agent,—Jas. Wixtead.

Truant Officer,—Geo. P. B. Clarke.

Graduating Class, 1889.

Richard Henry Lawler,
Edna D. Houghton,
Maud Augusta Barry,
Etta Hall Johnson,
Ralph Edward Aldrich,
K. Helena Wixtead,
Henrietta Brown,
Euna Louise Buffington

Statistics.

Whole number of children in town May 1, 1889, between the ages of 5 and 15 years,	423
Whole number attending school during the year, of all ages,	400
Average daily attendance in all the schools,	304
Whole number attending school under 5 yrs. of age,	1
over 15 yrs.	29
between the ages of 8 and 14 years,	273
Aggregate of months all the schools have been kept during the year,	114
Average number of months the schools have been kept during the year,	$8\frac{10}{13}$
Number of female teachers,	19
male teachers,	1
Average wages paid female teachers per month,	$31 10
male teachers per month,	100 00

Expenses.

Appropriation for public schools by the town, March 1, 1889,	$4,500 00	
Balance unexpended last year,	474 36	
State School Fund,	166 06	
Town School Fund, (interest),	56 48	
Repairs and purchase of books,	600 00	
Tuition fees,	82 00	
New books on hand,	232 65	
Rec'd for school books,	51 60	$6,163 15

Expense of Public Schools.

Teacher's wages for the year,	$4,153 00	
Rent of High School Room,	100 00	
Permanent repairs,	561 95	
Truant Officer,	10 00	
Care of rooms,	170 43	
Purchasing agent,	25 00	
School book,	373 10	
Fuel, supplies, etc.,	297 22	
Superintending committee,	99 99	
School supplies,	126 58	
Cost of schools for year 1889,		$5,917 27
Balance unexpended March 1, 1890.		$245 88

HIGH SCHOOL.

Teacher,—H. J. Chase.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	13	11	13
Wages per week,	$25	$25	$25
Whole number of scholars,	27	27	29
Average attendance,	24	26	23

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teacher,—Patience Breck.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$10	$10	$10
Whole number of scholars,	33	20	20
Average attendance,	30	17	17

SCHOOL No. 1.

Teachers { Jennie C. Levi, Spring and Fall,
Annie G. Scollard, Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks.	12	12	12
Wages per week,	$9	$9	$9
Whole number of scholars,	43	41	36
Average attendance,	31	29	25

SCHOOL No. 2.

Teacher,—Ada E. Brown.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	8	11	11
Average attendance,	8	9	9

SCHOOL No. 3.

Teacher,—Emma J. Paine.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$8
Whole number of scholars,	42	45	41
Average attendance,	37	34	30

SCHOOL No. 4.

Teachers { Mary McGillicuddy, Spring,
Edith F. Eaton, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	12
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	15	16	18
Average attendance,	11	13	12

SCHOOL No. 5.

Teacher,—Minnie Darling.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	12	9
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	8	7	8
Average attendance,	7	6	7

SCHOOL No. 7.

Teachers { Nellie T. Mahoney, Spring,
Etta H. Johnson, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	12	15	15
Average attendance,	11	13	11

SCHOOL No. 8.

Teachers { Evelyn E. Smith, Spring,
Hattie G. Abbott, Fall,
K. Lena Wixtead, Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	10
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	12	9	9
Average attendance,	11	8	7

SCHOOL No. 9.

PRIMARY.

Teacher,—Annie S. Hayward.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$8
Whole number of scholars,	49	47	42
Average attendance,	42	33	27

INTERMEDIATE.

Teacher,—Emma F. Fisk.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$8	$8	$8½
Whole number of scholars,	36	27	36
Average attendance,	29	23	28

SCHOOL No. 10.

PRIMARY.

Teachers, { EMMA J. WILLIS, Spring,
CLARA H. WALKER, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$8
Whole number of scholars,	30	34	23
Average attendance,	27	17	14

INTERMEDIATES.

Teachers { EDITH M. MARSH, Spring,
MARGARET E. COLLINS, Fall and Winter.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	12	11	12
Wages per week,	$8	$8	$8½
Whole number of scholars,	25	26	22
Average attendance,	22	22	17

Report of the Truant Officer.

To the Honorable School Board.

Gentlemen: — In submitting my report, I do so with the feelings of a duty not performed as it should be. In the first place, the education of children is of far greater importance, in my opinion, than a great number of our town's people seem to recognize, and the effect is the allowing of children to remain out of school when there is no need of it and the consequent calling of an officer by the teachers. The laws, properly enforced would rectify all this, but the pecuniary recompense is not sufficient to the officer, if he does his duty, and there is no truant school to send transgressors to, as has been the case this past year.

I have made numerous visits to factories as required, and found a very great disposition on part of Superintendents to have none but those eligible at work for them.

I have in performance of my duties, looked after forty-seven truants.

Very Respectfully,

GEO. P. B. CLARKE, Truant Officer.

General Remarks.

As soon as the present board of committee were elected, and before commencing work for the year, action was taken on the suggestion of their predecessors concerning improvements, repairs etc., and the following changes have resulted: The school house at the Center has been remodeled and reseated, and is now, without question, the best in the town. At District No. 5, the building has been shingled and painted, also reseated. A substantial wall, surmounted by an iron railing, in front of No. 3, adds both to the attractiveness of the property and the appearance of the street. Bookcases and unabridged dictionaries, both long felt wants, have been placed in every school-room not before supplied. These improvements have put the school property in such good condition generally, that but little outlay can be needed to keep it in repair for some time.

At the last March meeting of the town, the vote passed that Douglas unite with some other town for the purpose of supervision, providing the committee could make arrangements. Uxbridge having also voted to unite, and with Douglas, a joint committee from the two towns was held at Uxbridge and an organization effected. But such hindrance was interposed by legal objections advanced by one of the Uxbridge board that Messrs. Brown of Douglas and Williams of Uxbridge were delegated to Boston to consult the Attorney General. His decision that Douglas was at fault on account of no special appropriation in the warrant, made it necessary to call a special town-meeting. The name of the town to be united with was inserted in the article of the warrant, and an appropriation made for the union. Following this, was another meeting of the committee, at which the same member as before presented so many more objections, all *legal*, that after much discussion it was deemed best to dissolve, and so voted. Thus the best move ever attempted by the committee for the improvement of our schools was thwarted.

Perhaps a few remarks on the attendance of our pupils may be of interest. This subject has often been considered by former committees, but on account of its importance should be constantly kept before the parent's mind. Irregular attendance not only works loss to the individual, but every member of the school is more or less affected by it. A class, progressing surely and steadily, cannot be held back, waiting for absent members, and these absentees must lose in a great measure the advancement made while they were away.

Sickness, caused by the unhealthfulness of the winter, has kept many pupils from school during the past term and lowered the standard of our registers, which otherwise will compare favorably with past records and with the records of other towns.

The persistant work of the truant officer, in union with the teacher, has kept at school many children otherwise willfully or unnecessarily absent.

School attendance, as defined by the public statutes, is so often misunderstood or disregarded that it may be well to print a few extracts.

Chap. 47. Sec. 1. "Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years of age shall annually cause such child to attend, for at least twenty weeks, some public day school in the city or town in which he resides; which term shall be divided so far as the arrangement of school terms will allow, into two terms each of ten consecutive weeks. * * * * * No child under thirteen years of age shall be employed at any time in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. * * * * * During the hours when the public schools are in session, or shall be employed in any manner during such hours, unless during the year preceding such employment he has attended school for at least twenty weeks as required by law."

Or, in other words, no one can employ a child during school session between the ages of thirteen and sixteen, unless he procures and keeps on file a properly filled certificate signed by the superintendent of schools.

If these laws are carefully obeyed and if the teacher has, with other helps, the support of the parents, our schools cannot fail to educate the children, mentally and morally, and fit them for intelligent, upright citizens in the future.

The committee, recognizing the desire of a majority of the tax payers to use the town's money as economically as possible, that the tax rate may not be largely increased, recommend the following appropriations for the coming year, being confiden

the same will be adequate to meet all expenses of the schools though $600 less than was appropriated last year.

Common Schools,	$3,000 00
High School,	1,000 00
School Books and Repairs,	500 00
	$4,500 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. S. CASWELL, }
LEVI WHITE, M. D. } Supt.
W. W. BROWN, } Committee.